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**RESPONSE**

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Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

This is responsive to the Office Action of December 23, 1999, the period for reply to which has been set to expire on February 23, 2000.

In response to the requirement in the Office Action, the original document of U.S. Letters Patent 5,596,663 is attached hereto for surrender. Accordingly, it is respectfully submitted that the application is now in condition for allowance.

Respectfully submitted,

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In re Patent Reissue Application of  
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Sir:

Pursuant to 37 CFR 1.172(a) and 3.73(b), the  
undersigned, assignee of the entire interest in United States  
Patent No. 5,596,663, hereby assents to the above-identified  
reissue application.

Ownership of said Patent No. 5,596,663 is established by  
an Assignment recorded in the United States Patent and  
Trademark Office on January 12, 1995 at Reel 7311, Frame  
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Respectfully submitted,  
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